whose houses have either been washed away or partially damaged in the recent floods;

(b) whether the State has asked for these funds from the National Calamity Contingency Fund, as the State Government is not in a position to provide its share; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposal and by when the State Government would be sanctioned the funds for rehabilitation work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal was considered by the Ministry of Home Affairs. An amount of Rs. 21.00 crore for repairs/restoration of damaged houses has been released under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during 2003-2004.

Scheme for housing loan and insurance policy

1677. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to introduce a package scheme for housing loan and insurance policy for the agricultural and rural housing areas; and

(b) if so, the details of the criteria for advancing the loans to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHANAM RAJU): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to introduce a package scheme for housing loan and insurance policy for the agricultural and rural housing areas in the Ministry of Rural Development.

Drinking water scheme for rural Areas of Maharashtra

†1678. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes sanctioned during the last three years for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

providing safe drinking water in rural, backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra;

(b) the year-wise details of amount provided by Central Government to Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(c) the details of amount spent by Maharashtra from its own resources during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Drinking Water Supply is a State subject, Government of India extends financial assistance to the States to supplement their efforts of taking up rural drinking water supply schemes under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Powers to plan, sanction, implement and execute individual rural drinking water supply schemes vest with State Governments. The details of individual drinking water schemes taken up by the States are not maintained at the Central level. In Maharashtra no Sector Reforms Project was sanctioned during the last three years. However, four Sector Reforms Projects sanctioned during 1999-2000 are continuing. Under Swajal-dhara, 782 projects were sanctioned during 2002-2003.

(b) and (c) The year wise details of amount provided by Central Government and amount spent by Maharashtra from its own resources for rural drinking water supply during the last three years are:

Year	Amount provided by Central (Rs. Lakh)			Amount reported to be in spent from State resources (Rs. in Lakh)
	ARWSP (Normal)	Sector Reform	Swajall-dhara	
2000-01	16934.00	0.00	0.00 0.00	47689.23
2001-02	19659.00	0.00	"3722.0895	24161.00
2002-03	19336.24	0.00		14115.89

* Share of Government of India for 782 sanctioned projects is Rs. 7444.1799 lakh. Against which 50% (1st instalment) has been released so far.